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Black law enforcement officers want gun law to stay

by Chester Higgins, Sr.

Declaring that "America's young Black men are under the gun," Moses Ector, president of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, has called on the United States Supreme Court not to consider the National Rifle Assn. quest to unfreeze a law prohibiting private citizens from selling or owning machine guns manufactured after May 19, 1986.

Flanked by officials of several other law enforcement organizations, Ector made the announcement at a news conference, called

in Washington, D.C. He emphasized that "unfreezing this gun law would increase the availability of weapons of death" that are devastating America's Black communities.

The suit, J.D. Farmer v. Stephen E. Higgins, is an NRA-sponsored litigation on behalf of a machine gun manufacturer against Higgins, the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. NRA lawyers assert that the freeze violates the "right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment of the Constitution." But, Ector coun-

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US black males jailed four times more than blacks in South Africa

Report call for major policy shifts, national crime commission

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. now has the highest recorded rate of imprisonment of any nation in the world, according to a new report by The Sentencing Project. With over one million inmates in prison and jail, the U.S. surpasses both South Africa and the Soviet Union, the previous leaders.

The study also found that black males in the U.S. are imprisoned at a rate four times that of black males in South Africa: 3,109 out of every 100,000, as compared to 729.

The annual cost of incarceration for the U.S. was estimated at \$16 billion, and for the estimated 454,724 black male prisoners,

almost \$7 billion.

"Despite all the claims, the same policies that have helped make a world leader in incarceration have clearly failed to make us a safer nation," stated Marc Maurer, Assistant Director of The Sentencing Project and author of the report. "We need a fundamental change of direction, towards proven programs and policies that work to reduce both imprisonment and crime."

The study, "Americans Behind Bars: A Comparison of International Rates of Incarceration," found that per 100,000 population, the U.S. incarcerates 426 people, South Africa 333.

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UMDNJ's Special Vendor Programs honored by New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council

For the fourth straight year, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) has swept the three institutional Helping Hand Awards of the New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council.

UMDNJ's Special Vendor Programs received the awards for its contributions to the minority business community. The awards were presented at the Council's recent annual banquet.

Of the three Helping Hands, the award for leading institution was presented to Frederick J. Hammond Jr. of Belleville, N.J., UMDNJ's acting senior vice president for administration and finance. The award for program coordinator went to Ernestine Watson of Newark, N.J., assistant vice president of the UMDNJ-Special Vendor Programs. E. Denise Council of East Orange, N.J., a coordinator in UMDNJ's Purchasing Department, received the award for buyer representative.

Created in 1973, the Minority Purchasing Council serves as a link between the corporate and minority business communities. Each year, it honors firms and institutions divided into four categories—financial services; manufacturing/retailing; transportation/utilities; and diversified services/government & institutions.

UMDNJ was among 20 New York and New Jersey-based businesses, institutions and organizations nominated by the member-nominated in this category were the City of Newark, the National Broadcasting Network, New York University, Princeton University and the New York Times Company.

"UMDNJ's Special Vendor Programs have been a continuity source of pride to our institution," said Mr. Hammond, who is also UMDNJ's treasurer.

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Enforcement officers add teeth to Newark recycling laws

NEWARK -- A corps of enforcement officers took to the streets for the first time on January 2 in a drive to issue warnings and summonses to violators of the city's recycling laws.

According to Newark Mayor

Sharpe James, the enforcement officers issued garbage set out for collection to insure that commingled bottles and cans as well as newspapers have been separated from household garbage for recycling pickup. Residents caught placing recyclable material in with garbage are given two warnings before fines of up to \$1,000 are issued for each violation.

"To combat the high cost of garbage disposal, which has nearly quadrupled since 1986, we cannot accept anything less than a 100 percent residential participation rate in our recycling program," James said. "Our new aggressive enforcement effort is designed to ensure that Newarkers abide by the mandatory requirements of the recycling ordinance."

James noted that the enforcement officers are being dispatched now because city officials felt "Newark residents have

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NEWARK — Newark Councilman-at-Large Gary Harris recently branded the nation's federal deposit insurance system as being "perverse," calling for a "complete reformation" of the beleaguered banking system. Harris, chairman of the Municipal Council's Committee on Banking, said the banking matter, which he termed as "a financial fiasco"

should be a top priority of the 102nd Congress.

More specifically, Harris was critical of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (F.D.I.C.) and its handling of the liquidation of New York City's Freedom National Bank last November. In a letter to L. William Seidman, who chairs the F.D.I.C., Harris charged the regulatory agency

with "favoritism" towards financially-plagued larger banks over "struggling" smaller, community-oriented lending institutions.

Harris, who during a December 19 Municipal Council session sponsored a motion critical of the F.D.I.C., stated that if Freedom National Bank were the National Bank of Washington or the Merchant Bank of California, "it would have been spared from insolvency."

In his correspondence to Seidman, a longtime top economic advisor in the Ford Administration, Harris questioned the F.D.I.C. regarding its allegedly

"biased" and "top-sided" banking policies towards smaller banking institutions.

"When the National Bank of Washington faltered last August, the F.D.I.C.," he charged, "immediately came to its rescue and not one NBW depositor lost a penny, including foreigners." His latter statement was in reference to a little-known federal law which excludes foreign depositors from losing monies in liquidated American banks.

In the New York City bank situation, it was reported that de-

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Midlantic takes successful homebuyer's program statewide



Midlantic Corporation Executive Vice President Marshall L. Wolf (left) and Lawrence A. Brannen, Midlantic Vice President, stand with Robin Johnson in front of the home in Camden she was able to buy through Midlantic's Community Home Buyer's Program.

EDISON—Midlantic National Bank has announced it has closed the first mortgage provided in New Jersey under the Community Home Buyer's Program and is expanding the program so that more individuals throughout the state can participate.

The Community Home Buyer's Program is being conducted by Midlantic in cooperation with the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the General Electric Mortgage Insurance Companies (GEMICO).

"Midlantic has a deep-rooted commitment to supporting the communities it serves. This program, which provides families with a unique and innovative method to reach their goal of home ownership, is part of Midlantic's overall program to reach out to urban community members," said Marshall L. Wolf,

Executive Vice President of Midlantic Corporation.

The first individual in the state to be approved for a mortgage under the novel program is Robin Johnson, who is employed by Camden's Economic Development Authority. Johnson, who recently completed the program's home buying seminar, bought a home in Camden that she has been renting.

"What attracted me to the program was the fact that it required a lower downpayment and the fact they allowed you to borrow money for the closing costs," Johnson said. "It's exciting for me because I've lived in Camden all my life and now I own my home."

The Midlantic Community Home Buyer's Program lowers the income requirement for a person to qualify for a mortgage.

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Newark's set-aside program nets great change

NEWARK—The City of Newark's Office of Affirmative Action has given Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises 54 percent of City contracts since the creation of the Set-Aside program in June 1987.

The City's contracts in the last three and a half years have totaled \$20.6 million, of that figure, women and minorities have received \$11.6 million.

Mayor Sharpe James stated, "The Set-Aside program is essential. We must make sure that the City provides equal opportunity to all businesses. This program allows many small businesses to bid for and receive contracts that

would have otherwise been accepted from larger businesses."

"I think that the we are doing a good job," said Lynda Thomas, acting manager for the office of affirmative action. "Since the program was started in 1987, over half of the contracts accepted by the City were granted to the set-aside program. I look forward to it continuing."

The Set-Aside program was established by Mayor Sharpe James and the Municipal Council, who recognized that the exclusion of minorities (women included) from the main stream had hampered this group's development into viable businesses.

Percentage-wise, MBE and

WBE were under-represented as contractors, subcontractors and vendors in contracts awarded by the City for the purchase of goods and services.

The ordinance was revised to give minority and women business enterprises full participation in city contracts. The regulations govern that MBE's receive 25 percent and WBE's 7 percent of the total dollar amount of all contracts each year. The ordinance was also in accordance with the City's goals in economic development and improvement of the economy.

Set-Aside contracts, like all (Continued on page 6)



Seated are E. Denise Council, East Orange, of UMDNJ's Purchasing Department, left, and Ernestine Watson, Newark, assistant vice president of the UMDNJ-Special Vendor Programs. Standing are John Viorzio, Maywood, executive director, Department of Material Management, left, and Frederick J. Hammond Jr., Belleville, acting senior vice president for administration and finance.

CITY PEOPLE



Dr. Maureen Grant, vice president for Academic Affairs, Bloomfield College congratulates Selma Cato of Plainfield with a Certificate of Honors for achieving academic excellence last semester.

Councilman Grant hosts tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.

Newark Council President Dr. Ralph T. Grant, Jr. will lead the municipal council's program in tribute to the memory of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., at City Hall ceremonies on Monday, January 14 at noon. The program, "In Remembrance of the King," will take place in the Council Chambers on the second floor at 920 Broad Street in Newark.

Dr. Ronald Swain, Vice-President for Development at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, will deliver the keynote address, touching on the

life and times of Dr. King. Dr. Swain has had a distinguished academic career receiving honors and acclamations throughout his career. Named one of America's Outstanding Young Men in 1980, he is a Woodrow Wilson National Fellow and recipient of the Charles A. Dana Faculty Improvement Award of the United Negro College Fund.

In addition to the keynote address, Grant noted that there will be a performance by Special Audiences; the program beginning promptly at noon.



Mayor Sharpe James recently reappointed Dr. Linda Rodrigues, an independent scholar, to a six-year term on the Board of Trustees, for the Newark Public Library, during a swearing-in ceremony in the Mayor's office. Rodrigues has just concluded her first term on the Trustee Board. Her husband, Michael Parlapiano, held the Bible while Frank Bell, chief Analyst, Newark City Clerk's office, administered the oath of office. Also in attendance was Alvin Boyd, executive director of the Newark Public Library.



Garrett M. Keating, M.D. (left), chairman of the Board of Governors of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sharkey of Summit for being the parents of the first baby born in the new Child Birth Center in the Thomas S.P. Fitch, M.D., Memorial Pavilion which is part of the \$43 million construction and renovations at the Plainfield hospital.

Banking system perverse (Continued from page 1)

positions and several charitable groups lost some \$11 million in uninsured deposits.

Harris said: "Not only did those faithful depositors lose out, but the taxpayers also lost—to a whopping \$90 million."

In the case of the Merchant Bank of California—which, ironically had received "stay afloat" funding from the National Bank of Washington—the F.D.I.C. quickly prescribed several remedies for its recapitalization. Why wasn't Freedom National not offered to float common or preferred stock? What "pain killers" did the F.D.I.C. recommend the bank, or any other small, troubled bank?

Harris also questioned whether Seidman and the F.D.I.C.—which regulates 12,300 banks—made "a sincere effort" of seeking a qualified, last minute buyer for the endangered bank. It was reported that Freedom

National was planning to merge with a Boston-based bank, but met F.D.I.C. disapproval. In the case of the National Bank of Washington, it merged with the Riggs National Bank of Washington.

"The abrupt, hard-nosed tactics of the F.D.I.C. towards Freedom National was Orwellian. There definitely needs to be a complete overhaul of this nation's perverse banking insurance system—which will restore the faith and confidence of millions upon millions of hard-working and thrift-minded Americans."

Branding the F.D.I.C. "antiquated," Harris said since its inception in 1933, "it has failed to connect with modern-day banking concepts and goals."

Although highly critical of the ailing banking system, Harris nonetheless remains optimistic that Congress and the Bush Ad-

ministration are working in solving the banking system dilemma.

Harris supports several proposals for the ailing banking system. One, a plan by House Banking Committee chairman, Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez (D-Tex.) which would limit depositors to \$100,000 of federal insurance.

Harris would also like to see the F.D.I.C. lessen its strict, depository regulations on charitable organizations, that banks be permitted to operate across state lines and that troubled savings and loan associations be allowed to merge with healthier banks.

He also advocates "saving our weaker and smaller banks" with their being provided immediate "emergency" F.D.I.C. funding. Under this particular plan, Harris said, F.D.I.C. insured banks would be authorized to invest a certain percentage of their insured deposits in preferred stock that would be F.D.I.C. issued. The regulatory agency would then use such monies to purchase preferred stock in smaller, financially strapped banks, assuming the investment would be matched.

Harris added that weak banks would be required to reorganize into either of two types of companies.

One, he added, banks could

accept government-insured deposits, provide low risk loans and home mortgages as well as monied for commercial "startups" under the Community Reinvestment Act. The second proposal, would have banks engaged in securities trading and financing indebted companies but without accepting federally-insured deposits.

The Councilman would also like for the F.D.I.C. and other government regulatory agencies revive interest rate controls which would prevent banks from paying higher interest rates on its deposits.

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Dr. Wyatt T. Walker to speak at King observance

EAST ORANGE—Dr. Wyatt T. Walker, Pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in New York City will be the guest speaker at East Orange's annual program commemorating late civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. An ecumenical service will be held on Sunday, January 13, 1991 at 5:00 p.m. at Messiah Baptist Church in East Orange.

Dr. Walker has been the pastor of Canaan Baptist Church, the second largest church in

Harlem, since 1965. He served as an assistant to Dr. King during the civil rights movements of the 1960's. Jesse Jackson has called Dr. Walker, "Harlem Renaissance Man."

Other participants in the program include Congressman Donald Payne and Essex County Executive Thomas D'Alesio. For additional information about the program call 266-5098 or 266-5151.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

CRAWFORD—Union County College will conduct an Adult Open House from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Tomassulo Art Gallery, Crawford Campus, for adults interested in going or returning to college. For information call 709-7518.

NEW YORK—Comic book artist/collector Dwayne J. Ferguson will be signing copies of his new book *Captain America: The Battle for Egypt* as well as the popular comic book series *Flasher Vice* at Great Eastern Convention's Special Edition Comic Book Show today and tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will feature hundreds of comic book writers, artists, and dealers and will be held at the Penta Hotel. For more information, call 281-0655.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College's "Medical Review" course will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays through May 2. To register call 201-547-3069.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

PLAINFIELD—Friends of the Plainfield Public Library presents Children's Card and Board Games with instruction. Reservations necessary in advance. Program is free of charge. Call 757-1111.
 JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer 24 courses for

individuals seeking certification as alcoholism and/or drug abuse counselors in the State of New Jersey through its Saturday Semester Program this spring. Courses will be held through May 11 and tuition varies. For more information, please call 547-3069.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

PLAINFIELD—Jeanie Bryson, Jazz Singer, Piano and Drums will appear at the Plainfield Public Library. West Eight and Park Avenue. Admission is free. For information call 757-1111.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College's "Medical Record Coding II" will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Mondays through April 15. "Medical Records Coding II" will be offered 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Mondays April 22 through July 8. To register call 201-547-3069.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

JERSEY CITY—Amazing Magnets' workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a temporary series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hagburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

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Enforcement officers add teeth to Newark recycling

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had enough time adjust to the practice of separating recyclables from their regular trash. "The city's residential curbside recycling program was implemented in June of 1988."

Alvin L. Zach, director of the Newark Department of Engineering, said that the enforcement drive is part of a dual approach to insure compliance with the recycling law. "The city realizes that education is the key to a successful recycling program," he said. "We find that the resident who has read our literature is more inclined to participate when he or she knows what should be recycled and when to set it out for collection."

"Individuals who have been warned for violations will be provided with information on the recycling requirements. When summonses are issued, it will ob-

viously be in cases where our educational efforts are ignored and stronger measures are needed."

In addition to checking garbage set out at curbside for the presence of recyclable materials, the enforcement officers are making inspections on recycling collection days. "On these days, inspectors will make sure that materials have been set out correctly," Newark's Recycling Coordinator Greg Neverson said. "Newspapers should be either bundled with string or placed in a brown paper bag. Cans and glass bottles should be set out in a recycling bucket or in a sturdy, reusable container."

"Bottles and cans may not be mixed with paper or garbage, and residents should not place any recyclables in plastic bags."

Neverson noted that the inspectors will be making a special effort to insure that residents of multi-tenant apartment buildings are setting recyclables out for collection.

"Owners of all multi-unit apartment buildings are, along with tenants, responsible for placing recyclables out for city collection," Neverson said. "He added that buildings with more than 25 units are also bound by the law, but must make collection arrangements with private haulers."

by Daniel Morolen

Nelson Mandela was betrayed by President F.W. de Klerk, who baited him out of prison, by promising him unconditional release, ending apartheid, freeing all political prisoners, giving exiles amnesty to return home, unbanning ANC and other political organizations, giving South Africa a nonracial democratic constitution, and calling a national convention of black and white leaders to plan a new constitution.

But, sad to say, President de Klerk only released Mandela in order to have the international economic sanctions against South Africa lifted. And, now, eleven months after Mandela's release from prison, the main structures of apartheid are still in place; the black-white negotiations haven't begun; hundreds of political prisoners still languish in jail; thousands of exiles are still abroad, etc. Despite Mandela's hectic campaigning for change at home, in Greater Africa, Sweden, Great Britain, USA, Canada, India, Japan, Australia and Malaysia, where he received acceptance for his pleas to end apartheid by

keeping pressure on racist South Africa, no progress toward democratization of South Africa seem to be in sight. Mandela has been betrayed.

The betrayal of Mandela becomes more poignant and vivid when one looks at the current situation in South Africa and sees the confused scenario in which the minority-ruled and racist country is, South Africa is heading into chaos, genocide and anarchy. Police crackdowns on peaceful demonstrators continue to be the order of the day. The so-called tribal faction conflicts in Natal Province which began in 1986 have now spread to areas around Johannesburg, and thousands of blacks have lost their lives in them. The police have failed dismally to stop the faction fights which no responsible leader can account for. Law and order cannot be maintained, and a reign of terror grips the tormented country. De Klerk has not only betrayed Mandela, but is failing hopelessly to hold the country together.

One wonders why there are still pundits who call de Klerk "a man of virtue, a reformer," etc. Certainly, de Klerk is neither a

man of virtue nor a reformer. From the time Mandela was released, de Klerk wasted time vacillating with the grandiose idea of black-white negotiations. He never defined those negotiations' agenda, representation and methodology. He simply engaged in preliminary conference after preliminary conference, ad nauseam, without end. He followed Mandela to America to foil his successful campaign there. He argued with ANC and Mandela on side issues of the problem of negotiations, and avoided organizing the negotiations and getting them going. De Klerk is no more than the man with the sweet tongue that enticed Mandela out of Verster jail on February 11. De Klerk is now a man who is looking for loopholes to foil the proposed black-white negotiations toward a new non-racial and democratic South Africa.

There is much, much more to say against de Klerk. Although at this inauguration, he said that he knew what was wrong in South Africa—the domination of its racial groups by one racial group—de Klerk went on to be the leader of that "group that dominates other groups—the apartheid party," called the Nationalist Party (NP).

Klerk avowed to stand for the protection of the monopolistic white minority which squeezed out the disenfranchised blacks from all structures of power and full citizenship. De Klerk is now planning a bicameral parliament which will give whites power to veto black development. De Klerk refrains from curbing the extremely racist parties of Andries Treurnicht (Conservative Party) and Eugene Terreblanche (African Resistance Movement) who are threatening civil war, assassination and national disorder in an effort to maintain Afrikaner domination of South Africa. Both Treurnicht and Terreblanche aim to seize state power and rule South Africa as a Boer Republic, with stricter and more intensified apartheid. But de Klerk does not charge these, his fellow Afrikaners, for treason or sedition — because they're white. If they were black they would have been jailed on Robben Island...

This is the betrayal in which Mandela finds himself. We wish him a Happy and Prosperous Campaigning Year. May his stout fight be backed by all men and women of good will worldwide. His fight is a noble one... We all wish Nelson and Winnie Mandela a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Black males jailed

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and the Soviet Union 268. A doubling of the U.S. prison and jail populations in the last decade has moved this country into the leading position. The report contends that U.S. criminal justice policies have unnecessarily contributed to the record-high imprisonment rates.

Congressman John Conyers (D-MI) stated: "This report illustrates the long-term effect of the draconian criminal justice policies the United States has been implementing over the past decade, and is indicative of policies that have failed our people."

The Sentencing Project report calls for Congress to establish a national commission on crime to explore why American incarceration rates are so high and to recommend programs to reduce the number of prisoners without affecting public safety. The study also proposes:

- * redirecting resources in the "war on drugs" to emphasize that drug abuse is primarily a public health problem, not a criminal justice problem;

- * repealing mandatory sentencing laws;

- * establishing nationwide community and crime prevention programs, with special efforts focused on black males;

- * expanding the development and support of proven alternatives to incarceration; and other recommendations.

The Sentencing Project is a national, nonprofit organization which promotes sentencing reform and alternative sentencing. Copies of "Americans Behind Bars" are available from The Sentencing Project, 918 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004 for \$5.00.

Gun law

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tered, "when the framers constructed this amendment, they had no idea that manufacturers in the future would develop a weapon that in the hands of a single individual could kill so many people."

Ector said "almost all of the alarming national homicide rate of Black males" are caused by guns, not just handguns. The guns being used in many of these murders are high-powered, rapid-firing assault weapons. A young Black man growing up in America today is part of the generation under the gun," he added.

For the sake of all Americans, particularly those who are at most risk, we urge the Supreme Court to deny the NRA's attempt to legalize machine guns," Ector emphasized.

The present statute exempts machine guns owned by government agencies, including the military and the police. Ector, an expert in drug detection, is special agent-in-charge, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta Regional Drug Enforcement Division.

NOBLE is an organization of command level Black law enforcement officials whose mission is to improve the quality of life in America's communities and to bring a higher degree of professionalism to law enforcement.

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EDITORIAL

Is there anyone out there listening?

This could and should be the cry of the American people as we muddle through and attempt to hold things together in this void of national leadership.

It seems certain that President Bush and his administration, as his predecessor, are determined to operate in a vacuum when it comes to the public welfare.

Let's examine the record.

Did not Reagan/Bush economists understand the junk bond market? Or, did they understand that they could use the junk bond market and other devices, like the free flow of money, to prop up the economy rather than bite the bullet and make the tough decisions years ago.

Did not bank regulators see that the fate of overbuilding in the commercial and luxury condo markets would prove to be bad investments for the banks they regulated. These are the same regulators who are strangling the small businessman, and are the first time homebuyer, because now the public is aware of the unsound practices of these regulators as ignored the loans in highly speculative ventures of banks and S & L's.

Again the Reagan/Bush administrations have used the American public's back to prop up the economy artificially.

Under the category of the S & L and bank fiasco comes a new Bush methodology. "Public be damned" again because the Bush administration is going to decide who gets reimbursed by the F.D.I.C. and who will not. It seems the most critical factor to recoup losses is being a white-owned, run bank or S & L. However, one should not get too comfortable. If the Bush administration can arbitrarily deny reimbursing depositors of Freedom National Bank, a small community bank in Harlem, it can do the same to the numerous small community banks throughout the country.

Bush has declared that his administration is winning the war on drugs. The American public must ask "Where?"

Bush promised to be the education president. Yet his administration takes scholarships from African Americans and other minorities and has reduced federal aid to education.

Unemployment grows as companies downsize (fire) employees. Homelessness, bankruptcies, collapsing state economies, all are the result of lack of leadership from the Reagan/Bush administrations for the public welfare of the masses as opposed to the few.

The most diabolical move yet has been the unilateral move to declare war on Iraq without regard to the overwhelming costs in lives, to an already strained economy, to jeopardizing terrorist attacks in this country and around the world; a move—one again aimed at distracting the American people from the real problems in this country.

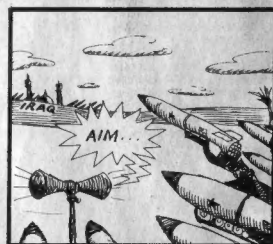
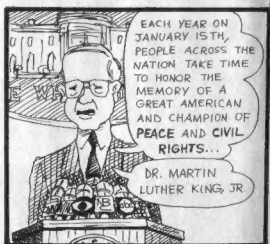
Congress will debate the issue starting this week while the American public continues to act like spectators in a game where they will lose big.

Will we once again allow this spineless administration to lead us like sheep to the slaughter or will we collectively pressure the government of the United States to act for once on behalf of the public welfare and use this one act as the launching pad for demanding that the public welfare be first in the hearts and minds of the Bush administration.

Quote of the Week

If now isn't a good time for the truth I don't see when we'll get to it

Nikki Giovanni



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by Connie Woodruff

You had to be either politically astute or politically naive to be surprised when Essex County Executive Tom D'Alesio selected Under Sheriff Armando Fontoura to replace him as Sheriff.

D'Alesio has been upfront about Fontoura. The appointment was no "steak attack" or hypocrisy by D'Alesio. Fontoura, one of two Under Sheriffs was widely viewed as the second in command in the Sheriff's office. Clearly, he was being groomed to move up when and if D'Alesio moved out, which he did with his election as county executive.

Fontoura plays his political role like a real pro. Colleagues credit him with working hard in the office and simultaneously keeping the image of his superior one of concern and interest for the community. When it came to playing second banana to former Newark Police Director Hubert Williams and more recently to Sheriff Tom D'Alesio, Armando



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Around this time last year as we entered a new decade, the question being asked was: what kind of decade will the 1990's be? Now, as we start the new year 1991, we can reflect back on the events which took place during 1990 to help us better forecast what we have to look forward to.

On the economic front, fallout from the Reagan administration policies instituted during the 1980's continued. The "teflon" president has certainly left the country trying and burning in its own debt. His theory that the nation would grow itself out of the enormous deficit has obviously been proven wrong, as all economists now admit the obvious—we are in a recession.

The selfishness and greediness glorified and praised during the Reagan years have come to haunt even the beneficiaries of his policies. They apparently believed that the free ride would go on indefinitely, and many now find themselves trying to run for cover as the bank notes become due. Unfortunately, they were able to swindle a lot of people

Fontoura know how and was willing to submerge personal engravements.

A bona fide "minority," this native-born Portuguese came to the United States as a boy, earned a bachelor's degree at Kean College, worked for several years as a teacher and joined the Newark PD in 1967.

He was the founding president of the Portuguese-American Congress of N.J. and is active in a number of community events like chairing the Newark Fresh Air Fund and serving as a trustee of the United Way Campaign for Essex and West Hudson.

Perhaps Councilman Donald Tucker, one of the leaders favoring the appointment of a black as sheriff, put it best when he said, "People are looking at this with a very mixed emotions regarding D'Alesio." Certainly it is a divisive issue in black and white communities because both have benefitted from Fontoura's ability to get things done politically and financially for worth causes.

1990s is decade of struggle

along the way; and now we find out that the real suckers were the American taxpayers. Surely you know that the acronym used for the Savings & Loan scandal — S&L—really stood for suckers and losers.

Politics on the national and local levels were continually highlighted by disgusting displays of cowardice, pettiness and hypocrisy. Politicians did nothing to disprove the widely held belief that there are few—if any—honest politicians. Political campaigns weren't focused on the burning issues which confront our society. Instead we were subjected to personal attack ads, where misinformation and smear tactics became the rule as opposed to the exception. Appeals to racism and bigotry were used with increasing ease by politicians and their media advisors, and there doesn't seem to be any let up. I guess that most would assume that since these tactics got a president elected, they were safe bets.

The failure of our Congress to fulfill their constitutional duty and demand that the President get their approval before he leads the

D'Alesio has said more than once that his successor must be a man with experience in law enforcement and Armando is a 22-year veteran of the Newark Police Department, supervising important, sensitive units like community relations, the detective bureau and tactical squads and working closely with a police director in formulating policy and daily management directives.

For now Armando is sheriff on an acting basis only. The interim sheriff will be appointed by Governor Florio. No time for that appointment has been set as yet although D'Alesio has recommended Fontoura based on the undersheriff's experience and record.

When Tom D'Alesio was sworn in as county executive New Year's day, advocates and antagonists showed up to enjoy the traditional ritual that also officially installed a new county clerk and members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Some members of the coal-

ition formed by black elected officials and Newark-Newark Jersey clergymen admitted they have not discussed what action will be taken if Florio, like D'Alesio, give the nod to Fontoura. According to one of the leaders there is an interim plan of action that may or may not win unanimous approval.

Then there were other black "leaders" who are cautious about taking on the new county executive, Ray Durkin, chairman of the county Democratic machine and Gov. Florio.

However this latest fiasco turns out, Fontoura and whoever may be appointed to fill D'Alesio's unexpired term will have to run in the Spring primary and in November 1991 general election.

It's an interesting scenario because some of the black activists one would expect to be on the vanguard of these attacks, Sharpe James, Donald Tucker, Mayor

country into war, demonstrates a crisis of leadership still plaguing our nation. I can only wonder what was going through these individuals' minds when they were being sworn in for the start of the new congressional session. Agreeing to uphold the Constitution, seems very shallow indeed, if you are afraid to have an open debate on an issue which will affect the lives of people not only in this country, but around the world.

Local politicians aren't doing much better. So many people are turned off from politics that they have simply elected to stay home, and not get involved. This has left the door open to individuals who seek power and recognition in the only field where there are no qualifications for office, outside of the minimum citizenship and resident requirement. Going to some City Council meetings and actually listening to these officials attempting to "run" their towns, and grating exercises in punishment and torture.

We haven't seen any great improvements in our educational institutions. As we entered 1991, the nation remains at risk. The high school dropout rates con-

tinue to climb, and our schools continue to fail our children. The number of children living in poverty continued to rise, and child abuse cases reported, rose at dramatic rates.

Racial and bias incidents have doubled, and their frequency is quite alarming. Of course, African Americans have continued to bear the overwhelming number of these attacks. Expecting to receive justice for the murders of our grandmothers, sons, mothers, etc., still remain an elusive dream.

Reflecting on all of these realities, the 1990's will have to become a decade of struggle for survival. The need to survive unnecessary war, poverty, unemployment, homelessness, and even terrorism, is paramount if we ever stand on making it to the year 2000. Nineteen-ninety-one promises to be a year where we will have to muster up all of our courage and strength to deal with the adversities and problems that loom before us. Keeping the faith in your god, and the basic goodness of people, will go a long way in maintaining one's spirit even during the worst of times.

Child Watch...

Resolve to save children

by Marian Wright Edelman

It is the beginning of another year, and Black children still suffer. In the time it takes to finish this column, one Black infant is born into poverty over 300,000 annually.

For too many children, 1991. Or any new year isn't reason to renew hope for a better life. They'll remain in crowded homeless shelters, social service agencies, detention centers, dysfunctional families, and on the streets.

The magnitude of our children's crisis today may well be the greatest threat to the Black community since slavery. Moreover, the deteriorating future of Black children threatens not only their future, and the future of the Black community, but that of the nation. America cannot save itself unless it saves its children.

It is imperative that every child, parent, educator, and

church, business and civic leader make a personal commitment to improve Black children's lives today. It is the most important New Year's resolution you will make.

Here are some things each of us can do: Children and youth must pledge to strive to be everything they can be; challenge themselves in school and life; take pride in schoolwork and other accomplishments; promote racial pride and interracial harmony; and most importantly, respect themselves and appreciate their values as a person.

Parents must pledge to love and enjoy their children—at every stage and every age; listen carefully to what they have to say; ask their opinions, respect their ideas; make sure children know that if they work hard, they will do well in school and live get involved in their education; open

up to them and let them learn about you; encourage them to help and respect others; and remember that children learn by ex-

ample.

Schools must pledge to create opportunities for parent and family involvement; offer a challenging curriculum which stimulates problem solving at each grade level; create partnerships with community service groups who provide services to children in schools; create learning opportunities that promote positive self-awareness among students throughout the year; and work with the community to create high expectations for achievement.

Churches must pledge to focus attention on the needs of children; develop a plan where all churches can offer quality child care services, especially those in poor communities; offer before- and after-school programs related to education and family support programs; and encourage children to stand up for Children.

Civic and social organizations must pledge to put children at the top of their action agenda; persuade members to take a portion of their time every week to help

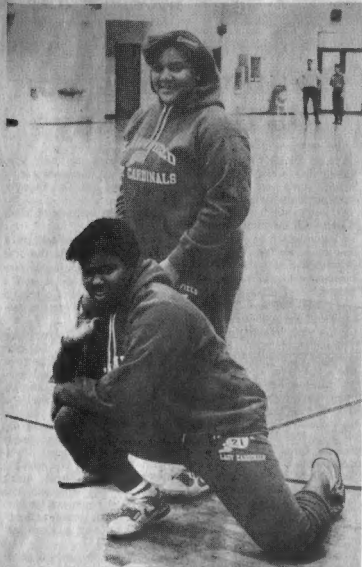
local children; sponsor forums of candidates for public office to publicize their views on children's issues; create programs to connect members to local young people who need mentors and advisors; and communicate regularly with the local school system to identify key needs.

Business must pledge to seek funds for improving public education scholarships, aid, and access to higher education become involved in the schools and school districts; form youth employment and job training initiatives; to mentor and lecture high school and elementary inner-city schools giving relevance to education; and sponsor parenting education programs for employees.

There is so much more individuals and groups can do. And we than never give up. Please do your part.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

YOUTH / EDUCATION / SUCCESS



At the Durn Center in Elizabeth, Plainfield High School's Nicole Sims shot put 45'-4" and Kim Hick shot put for 39'-7 1/2". Sims beat her state indoor record of 45'-1". Hick and Sims gave Plainfield High School the victory in the team shot put.



Also at the Durn Center in Elizabeth, Plainfield girls' mile relay team won with a time of 4:32.1. Featured are Juanette Johnson, Linda Hinds, Melanie Clary, and Andrea Robinson.

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CAN'T TOUCH THIS!

Run-D.M.C.: Still Tougher Than Leather

by Terry Benjamin

In the beginning...there was the Sugar Hill Gang ("Rapper's Delight" 1979). Kurtis Blow ("Christmas Rappin'" "The Breaks" 1979), the Fearless Four ("Rockin' It" 1980), Afrika Bambaataa ("Planet Rock" 1982), Grandmaster Flash ("The Message" 1983) and Run-D.M.C. ("It's Like That"/"Sucker M.C.'s" 1983) from Hollis, Queens, New York.

Run (Joseph Simmons), D.M.C. (Darryl McDaniels) and their DJ Jam Master Jay (Jason Mizell) are still going strong, coming back to make more rap history. With their new album release "Back From Hell," they have become the only rap group to produce five albums in the short history of rap music. All previous albums—"Run D.M.C." (1984), "King Of Rock" (1985), "Raising Hell" (1986), "Tougher Than Leather" (1988)—have proven to be best-sellers. But in spite of these milestones, many wondered what happened to Run-D.M.C. This new album provides some answers. For one thing they have not buried their heads in the sands of time. "Back From Hell" shows that this rap trio knows what time it is; the new LP is no oldies but goodies collection.

"I'm Jay! make up the trap! Now check out the dance that I display." Jam Master Jay raps on "Pause," a previously released track that contains an anti-drug message and instructions on how to do a new dance. This track like many others on the new LP show

When the city gonna fix where the Blacks are from
And everyday around the way another one got bust

From a gun shot
No chance for advance in the ambulance
Cause he was just another victim of circumstance

Run-D.M.C.
What's It All About



From left to right: Jam Master Jay, Run and D.M.C.

Run-D.M.C. coming back harder than ever. "Back From Hell," the title track, has a dense musical track and hard rhymes over a musical collage of scratching and rock guitar licks. "Word Is Born"

presents rap in retrospect but Run-D.M.C. doesn't get so lost in nostalgia that they forget to rock the house in the way 90's fans can appreciate. An excellent case in point is "Don't Stop," a serious

dance track that features guest vocals from Guy's Aaron Hall, proving that Run-D.M.C. are no strangers to the New Jack Swing.

Another recent current in rap has been the reggae influence and Run-D.M.C. are up on it. Check out "P Upon A Tree," "Bob Your Head," and "Faces" to see how they have reinterpreted this style. But Run-D.M.C.'s claim to fame has been their street edge and it's sharper than ever on "Naughty" and "The Ave."

Now on The Ave, people stealing and dealing away
I got the feeling the illing will never ever pay
Cause on the street ya never win the fast lane
You go to jail or get a bullet in your brain.

Also back on the block is "Livin' In The City" and "What's It All About" that contains strong street language that makes this track as hard as nails and tougher than leather.

The evolution of Run-D.M.C. has included more visibility for DJ Jam Master Jay who is credited as co-producer on this LP. Hard core tributes to this emerging star can be heard on "Sucker D.J.'s," "Not Just Another Groove," and "Groove To The Sound."

"Faces" and "Party Time" are guaranteed party starters while "Kick The Frama Lama Lama" takes free style rapping to another level.

Because Run-D.M.C. are rap pioneers, attention must be paid to their latest efforts. "Back From Hell" is harder, tougher, and in the groove for 1991.

Plainfield Science Fair

There will be a system-wide Science Fair and Invention Convention in each of the eleven district schools of the Plainfield Public School System. The Science Fairs and Invention Conventions will run during the weeks of January 7 to January 29. This will include all grade levels

(kindergarten through grade 6). First, second and third place prizes will be awarded at each grade level at each school. Judging will be done those weeks by science representatives from AT&T, Bell Labs and Bellcore of Piscataway. First place winners will display their science

projects and inventions at the 4th District-wide Science Fair on February 8, 1991 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Plainfield high school cafeteria. At that same location and time, the middle schools' and high school's projects of science will be judged.

All parents are invited to the

elementary schools during the weeks of January 7 to 29 to see science projects and inventions. Parents and the Plainfield community are invited to the Plainfield Public School System's 4th District-wide Science Fair - Feb. 8, 1991 (Friday night) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Plainfield High School cafeteria.

PT's clubhouse

Search for the shape!

In the word search below, find the eight (8) shapes you unscrambled in the Word Scramble.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Hint: Shapes *

cgrtelane	midnado
xbo	celric
enaoi	aqesur
gtelam	eshepr

Answers to last week's word scramble:
tree, stockings, Umajo, Kwanza, ornament, Christmas, Santa, Hanukkah, Menorah, holiday



The food we eat

Carrots

That famous cartoon character Bugs Bunny eats carrots for a good reason.

These long, orange vegetables contain sugar, which makes them taste good and also iron, which is important to the blood stream. Carrots also contain Vitamin A and Vitamin B₁, as well as smaller amounts of Vitamin B₂ and C. The vitamins in Carrots are especially good for the eyes.

Carrots are roots*, that usually grow to be between 6 and 10 inches long, and 1 to 2 1/2 inches thick.

Can you think of other foods you eat which are roots?

* The root is the part of the plant that usually grows down into the ground and that absorbs water and minerals from the soil, stores food and keeps the plant securely in place.

Who am I?

I was born in Framingham, Massachusetts around 1723.

I am six feet, two inches tall.

I managed to escape the horrors of slavery in 1750.

I fought and died on March 5th, 1770 in the Boston Massacre.

A monument bearing my name now stands in the Boston Common in Boston, Massachusetts.

Who am I?

C R P T K

DWAYNE FERGUSON



King Celebrations

Theater.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Franklin-St. John's Church located at Maple and Keer avenues in Newark will hold a commemorative service beginning at 4:00 p.m. Rev. James Scott, pastor of Bethany Baptist church in Newark will be the Keynote speaker. Members of the community will also be honored.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

The Plainfield Human Relations Holiday Week Opening Reception will be held in the Plainfield City Hall Rotunda from 7 to 9 p.m. This event is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Plainfield alumni chapter. The Mayor's reception is immediately following the program.

The People's Organization for Progress and the New Jersey Rainbow Coalition will sponsor a demonstration against war and racism at the Prudential Plaza on Broad Street beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Plainfield Tennis Council gives First Annual Holiday Tennis Classic

The Plainfield Tennis Council held its first Annual PTC Holiday Tennis Classic December 26 through December 30 at the Inman Sports Club of Edison, N.J. There were over 160 entrants to

New Milford Schools in Bergen County will sponsor a play, "Stand Up and Be Counted," the play will be repeated on January 17.

The Jersey City Medical Center will hold a breakfast at 10:00 a.m. and discuss the theme "The road. Traveled: Understanding the Dream." Guest speaker will be Ann Tripp of KISS-FM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

The Neighborhood House Association will present "Working Toward Keeping the Dream Alive" from 7 to 9 p.m. with live entertainment, skits, songs, and African Poetry.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

"Not Just on His Birthday, But Everyday" is the artistic tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King at the Maxson Middle School Auditorium, East Seventh Street & Woodland Avenue in Plainfield. Featured will be the Alfred Gailman Dance Theatre; the Stokes Family Singers; Visual Arts Ex-

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participate in which the biggest events in number were the Junior Boys 14 and 16 Singles. The Juniors matches displayed some of the exceptional talent of the Central New Jersey area and names

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Curtis Young, tournament organizer, presents trophy to Lisa Stiff, Women's Singles winner.



Habte Awolom (left), Men's 45 Singles winner and Rasheed Abdul-Haq, Men's 45 finalist.



Women's Double winners Ty Myers (left) and Gerri Kornegay (right).



Men's Double winner, Dave Somier (left) and Bill Prisco.



Boys 14 winner Stuart Chizik (left) and finalist, James Dougherty.



Mixed Doubles winners, Renee Ralph (left) and Bill Prisco.



Boys 18 winner, Jeffrey BaCala and Brian Dougherty who together won the Boys Jr. Doubles.

4th Blue Smoke And Mirrors Awards

Washington (NNPA) — For the 4th straight year the regular members of the Mystic Knights of the Sea have been here at the Lodge Hall reviewing the continuing pattern of bamboozlement that African-American people dish out, and take in. Here at our version of the no-better Amos n' Andy Taxicab Company, we have come to accept the hocus pocus and outright moon-foolery that comes before us, as a part of the daily minstrel show that goes with living in America. The following are examples of the daily deceptions that the Kingfish is presenting this year.

The "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward All Men" Award

This goes to George Bush. In another of an ongoing series of "selective pursuits" during his reign, imperial President Bush has currently set his sights on "kicking" Saddam Hussein. "..." While George Bush's ally, the State of Israel, has killed more Arabs in territories they occupy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip since Hussein invaded Kuwait in August than were killed in the entire Kuwait military process, the President's saber-rattling myopia has only focused on the wrong end by Saddam. Willing to sacrifice the lives of 30 - 40,000 American youth (30 percent of which will be minorities) to reinstall a monarch, Mr. "Can You Say" "Kick" Some "Bum" Bush adds any discussions of a peace deal that would involve the entire Middle East region. A graduate of Yale and the CIA, Mr. Bush is definitely too smart not to be aware that any spark of war in the Middle East cannot be extinguished as quickly as was the case in Libya, Panama or Grenada. Bush gets this award because as he "talks" about peace, Americans should read his lips and see that the real deal is another international adventure against people of color.

The "Bo Knows, But Evidently She Don't, Or She's Just Do It" Award

This goes to H Street street citizen activist, Sister Cora Brimfield. In a marvelous display of "ignorance is bliss," Sister Brimfield has set her mind on "taking back" the formerly black owned Mega Food Store. With less reasons, or credibility, than Bush has with his war with Iraq, Ms. Brimfield has made a personal war with the new Korean owners of Mega for no other cause than they are Korean and had enough money, and good sense, to go to the bankruptcy court and buy the store. While the good Sister, and company, had every chance to plunk down \$800,000 and obtain the store for the same bargain-basement price as did the Koreans, she now just demands that either the owners, the D.C. government, or somebody, should "give" (he stole (o her lock, stock and barrel. In her zeal for capitalistic entrepreneurship, Brimfield has yet to say a word about: 1) money; 2) investors; or 3) management for the store. Sister Brimfield receives this award because she is surely in over her head on this deal and reminds people here at the Lodge Hall of the proverbial dog chasing a car, once she gets it then what the hell is she going to do with it?

The "If a Tree Falls in the Forest Does It Make a Noise" Award

This goes to blacks around the world who can't accept the proven success of the AIDS drug Kemron unless the white world says that it is O.K. Although 90 percent of the people who've taken Kemron have shown significant improvement in their conditions, the white world is still skeptical, and if "they" don't accept it can Kemron really be worth anything? Based on the very real adage that "The white man's ice is always colder," Kemron will never be worth anything to Blacks unless white people first give it their credence. This award is particularly important to local Blacks who don't believe anything is "news" unless they see it in the Washington Post.

The "Fixin' To Get Ready" Telegraph Award

This award goes to Milwaukee Assemblyman Michael McGee and his followers, for their militant stance of telling whites that they plan to initiate urban warfare there in 1992 unless "they" correct their behavior patterns toward blacks. This award is presented in the spirit of the highest of Amos n' Andy military planning. What other group would tell the enemy that "we are going to attack you in about 5 years?"

Coping by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



Brainwashing you for the holidays

Well, another Christmas has passed and everything seemed normal. Adventurers were up to their old tricks. What happened was the shroud use of brainwashing that advertisers used this Christmas and have used for a long, long time. Their idea was to manipulate you into buying, buying, buying while they get rich, richer and richer. Of course, you probably thought that you bought all those Christmas gifts because you wanted to buy them. You said to yourself, "Nobody makes me buy anything. I do only what I want to do."

I hate to tell you this, but you were psychologically manipulated. And the biggest part of the manipulation was that advertisers made you believe that your decision to spend large sums of money for gifts was made by you, not by them. This way, you won't accuse them of manipulating your behavior. However, brainwashing and manipulating you is exactly what they did.

Here's how advertisers played with your mind. On the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas hit you with a bang. Stores played hour after hour of Christmas carols. Newspapers, television, restaurants, radio and every conceivable enterprise overwhelmed you with the "Christmas spirit." Pictures of Santa Claus, the King in the Manger, loving couples in front of a warm fireplace, lovely families in front of the Christmas tree, and happy kids riding open sleighs on snow-covered hills. This, combined with happy (or sad) Christmas music, won you

mind, your heart, and your money. It was brainwashing at its best. At its scientifically shrewdest.

You, like millions of other Americans, purchased millions of dollars worth of gifts that few people could afford in this slow economy. But you did it out of a deep love, and out of a need to remove guilt, loneliness and sadness.

Did you like that new tape recorder? You sure did, after seeing it advertised over and over again. Were you sad and sentimental? You sure were, after listening to four solid weeks of Christmas music. Did you feel guilty about that argument that you had with your family (girlfriend, boyfriend, husband/wife, boss)? You sure did, after hearing so many loving songs over and over again. You removed your guilt, and the store owners became wealthy as the direct result of your guilt and sentimentality.

In effect, they played games with your mind and emotions. They made you feel sentimental. You bought a gift from them because of this great sentimentality. They made tremendous profits. You thought that you did all of this because you wanted to, but they made you want to.

Now, suddenly, the "Christmas spirit" is gone, on the very day after Christmas, and you are again lonely and depressed. But, don't worry, they will be back to get your mind again on Valentine's day and Easter.

Newark set-aside

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City contract was bid upon and accepted based on the lowest cost and quickest return of materials. However, only qualified minority and women business enterprises

are invited to bid. For more information about the Set-Aside program, please call Office of Affirmative Action 733-6394.

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18-Month Savings Certificate	\$ 1,000	7.50	7.90
24-Month Savings Certificate	\$ 1,000	7.50	7.90
30-Month Savings Certificate	\$ 1,000	7.50	7.90
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CITY LIFE

Celebrations

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hibits. Sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Central Jersey Chapter.

The Jersey City Chapter of Operation PUSH will hold its fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day in School and Learn Banquet at the Quality Inn in Jersey City. Reggie Harris will be given the group's "Image Award." Dr. Samuel Proctor will receive the MLK Leadership award and will also be the keynote speaker.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

The Mohawk Lodge #307 and Mohawk Temple #191 will present their first annual Martin Luther King Celebration at 9 p.m. at the Mohawk Lodge, 1357 West Third Street in Plainfield. The affair will honor all black men and women in the community who have given undying services in line with what Dr. King had in his dream.

The program will consist of Owen Brown, a jazz recording artist from London, England and George Nock from Washington, D.C. Former Washington Redskins football player will also be a local reggae artist.

The community, clergy, black business, municipal leaders are invited to attend. The evening will also consist of a silent auction, dining and dancing. For ticket information call 668-8797 or 757-9423.

Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark will hold a four-day celebration beginning on January 19 with a program featuring Adam Clayton Powell 4th, son of the late New York congressman.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

A Youth Tribute to Dr. King will be held at Hubbard Middle School, 661 West Eighth Street in Plainfield. Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, Educational Consultant, Lecturer and Author of "Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys." Local performing groups will also be featured. The Youth reception is free from 6 to 7 p.m. The program begins at 8 p.m.

The King-Evans Memorial concert will be held at 4 p.m. in the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, 724 Park Avenue in Plainfield. Featured artists will be Victoria Griswold and Geoffrey Peterson of Plainfield, performing duo works for piano, organ and harpsichord. The second half of the program will feature the Plainfield High School Gospel Choir under the direction of Doris Gray.

The concert honors the memory of both Martin Luther King and Charles Evans, co-founder of the Ric-Charies choral Ensemble. Donations are \$5 at the door and include a reception and refreshments following the concert. For further information call 765-0730.

A special worship service at the Church of the Redeemer, 36 South Street in Morrisstown will be held to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 10:30 a.m.

The sermon entitled, "Martin King: An Ordinary Man" will be given by Wylene Branton Wood, a teacher in the Mount Olive District. Ms. Wood is the daughter of the late Wiley A. Branton, noted civil rights lawyer and first director of the Voter Education Project. He was also the first recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award.

Youth of the parish will provide a special rap tribute to Dr. King. Music will be provided by the Men's Gospel Choir of the United Baptist Church in Morrisstown. For further information call 539-0703.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James will be the keynote speaker for the early morning service at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark beginning at 7:30 p.m. Gus Henninburg, host of "Positively Black" will be the featured speaker at the main service.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Clement Price will be the featured speaker at Metropolitan Baptist Church at a program to be held from noon to 4:00 p.m.

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"Paul Robeson" at Crossroads

Starring Avery Brooks and Ernie Scott

NEW BRUNSWICK - Paul Robeson, Philip Hayes Dean's one-man drama starring Avery Brooks as the extraordinary artist and activist, returns to New Brunswick for a five-performance engagement at the State Theatre on Livingston Avenue Feb. 21 to

March 3.

Presented by Crossroads Theatre Company in association with Eric Krebs Theatrical Management, Paul Robeson will be performed at 8 p.m., Feb. 21 and 22; 3 p.m., Feb. 24; 8 p.m., March 1; and 7:30 p.m., March 3.

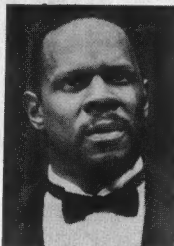
This production of Paul Robeson, which also stars New Brunswick musician Ernie Scott as the accompanist Lawrence Brown, was first produced at Crossroads in 1982 starring Brooks and Scott. A revival of

Dean's 1978 drama, it received critical acclaim and has gone on to be performed around the country.

In 1988, it was produced off Broadway by Eric Krebs at the Southstreet Theatre and on Broadway at the Golden Theatre. Last year, Krebs produced Paul Robeson at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.; and last summer at the National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta. Krebs is a co-founder of the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

Brooks' portrayal of one of history's most intriguing figures has been called "electrifying," and "incredibly powerful and riveting." He breathes life into the mythic Robeson in a series of vignettes that capture his oratorical, musical and dramatic achievements.

The life of Paul Robeson unfolds in the brief scenes that follow him through his early achievements and disappointments at Rutgers University



Avery Brooks

where he was the school's first all-American in football (1917) and distinguished himself in academics; his brief stint as a lawyer; his meteoric career on stage and in film; and his international political activism — and support of communism — that ultimately led to his censure in the U.S.

Tickets for Paul Robeson are \$25 for front orchestra and loge seats; \$20 for rear orchestra and front balcony; and \$15 for rear balcony. For reservations, call Ticket Central at the New Brunswick Cultural Center, (201) 246-7469.

RADIOSCOPE...THE COLUMN

TOP STORIES: THE TRUTH ABOUT VANILLA ICE'S SNOW JOB
CHUCK BERRY CLEARED OF CHILD ABUSE CHARGES
LEVAR BURTON GETS STAR ON WALK OF FAME
SO HOW ABOUT TEENA MARIE & RICK JAMES

From Bailey Broadcasting Services Via Serra Syndication

The Truth About Vanilla Ice's Snow Job: When Vanilla Ice hit the national scene a couple of months back, he went out of his way to show that he was "down with the brothers." He even went so far as to say that he was raised in the "hood in Miami and went to the same school as other well-known rappers including Luther Campbell. Thanks to the Dallas Morning News, everyone now knows that Vanilla Ice was telling a tale when he made that boast. He didn't win three Motocross championships for Teen Honda either, and his mom doesn't teach music at the University of Miami. Vanilla Ice's record company, SBK, issued a revised bio after the Dallas Morning News story broke and Vanilla Ice's manager, Tommy Quon, admitted his client had been toying with the truth. And as if Ice's lies about high school, Motocross racing, and his mom weren't enough, the tales got even taller during his interview with RadioScope. He told us that his step-dad was black, his half-brother is an Alpha (but behind bars), and that his single, "Ice Ice Baby" was inspired by a chant used by the men of Alpha Phi Alpha, America's oldest black fraternity. Today, the frat is looking into the possibility of taking legal action against him. The lingering question to all this is why? Why would Vanilla Ice concoct this pack of lies? Why didn't his manager or record company check out the facts? His manager, Tommy Quon, attributes it to eagerness—wanting to be accepted. Indeed, a lot of crazy things were said and done in Vanilla Ice's pursuit of overnight stardom. In addition to misleading the public, Vanilla Ice insulted the black community with his out-and-out lies about a Black stepfather and an incarcerated fraternity-member brother. Does this guy think he'll be more acceptable to Blacks if he pretends he has criminals in his family? The boy should have been most honest about his background and let his talent speak for itself. Vanilla Ice's music is def, and you can tell from the way he talks and carries himself that he's spent a lot of time around African-Americans. But he's not a ghetto thug who was raised by a Black man. If he had told the truth, Vanilla Ice could enjoy his newfound stardom with peace of mind and the knowledge that he was being accepted for who he is. Instead, he may have alienated a legion of would-be Black fans. If there is a moral, it may be the age-old truth that "no lie can live forever."

From the PPAT (People, Places & Things) File: Rock 'n' roll pioneer Chuck Berry has been cleared of child abuse and felony drug possession charges. The charges stem from a raid on Berry's home, which netted about two grams of marijuana and 80 allegedly pornographic video tapes. Berry was charged with child abuse because one of the tapes—shot secretly through an air vent—depicted a number of supposedly-undressed women using the bathroom at Berry's Southern Air restaurant. Berry claimed the raid on his home was racially-motivated, and filed a complaint. The complaint was withdrawn after a St. Louis judge dismissed the child abuse charge and reduced the drug possession charge from a felony to a misdemeanor. LeVar Burton has been added to the list of luminaries honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Burton was a 19-year-old USC sophomore when he landed the role of Kunta Kinte, the proud African kidnapped into slavery in the original "Roots." LeVar earned an Emmy nomination for that performance and followed it with a string of TV movies, before landing his present co-starring role in "Star Trek: The Next Generation." **Feedback Line:** What do people want to know about today's top stars; well, one caller from Richmond, VA wanted to know if a tune on Teena Marie's new album "Ivory" was dedicated to Rick James. The answer to that is no. In fact, Teena Marie says she doesn't have any real contact with him anymore. However, in a recent interview "the Lady T" (as she is called) told that Rick is still like family to her. Remember, our feedback lines are open to any of your comments or opinions on our RadioScope features. Just call the Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

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CITY BUSINESS

Midlantic homebuyers program (Continued from page 1)

To help individuals make wise purchasing decisions, Midlantic requires program applicants to attend a free 12-hour seminar on home buying. Applicants attend four two-hour sessions before closing and two two-hour ses-

sions after closing. A mortgage can be obtained with as little as five percent down and closing costs can be financed with an unsecured loan.

The Community Homebuyer's Program is open to any low,

moderate or middle income person who wants to purchase property in New Jersey.

"Because the pilot program in Camden has been successful, Midlantic has already expanded the program to Newark and is

working with the American Institute of Banking and other participating banks to offer the home buying counseling sessions at locations throughout the state in 1991," said Lawrence A. Brennan, a Midlantic Vice Presi-

dent in charge of the program.

So far, three groups with a total of more than 100 people have completed the home buying seminars offered as part of the program. The first two seminars were held in Camden and the

third was held in Newark.

More information on the Community Home Buyer's Program can be obtained by contacting Mr. Brennan or Giglio Banerjee at (201) 577-8800.

UMDNJ vendors program honored

(Continued from page 1)

The N.Y.N.J. Minority Purchasing Council's annual awards dinner was held November 14 at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel, Secaucus, N.J. In a message to the Council, Governor Jim Florio stated: "Today, we know that what's good for small business is good for all of us. And, so long as we have a healthy atmosphere for minority-owned businesses to grow, we are that much closer to the better future we all want."

Mr. Hammond noted that UMDNJ's vendor program for small businesses, which includes minority-owned firms, is flour-

ishing when many such programs elsewhere are cutting back. He attributed this cut-back to the 1989 Supreme Court decision to invalidate the minority and women business set-aside program of Richmond, Va.

The Court's decision nullified the "race" and "gender" categories of Richmond's set-aside program. In response to the decision, New Jersey revised its set-aside regulations by establishing the categories of urban development enterprises and micro-businesses (firms with 20 or less full-time employees).

"UMDNJ acted swiftly to comply with the new state regulations for set-aside programs," said Mr. Watson, who heads the UMDNJ-Special Vendor Programs.

"We are committed to working with businesses based in the communities that are home to, and surround, our campuses. The Helping Hand Awards are a measure of our success and it is gratifying to receive them."

The UMDNJ-Special Vendor Programs have been a model for the state since being established in 1986 to insure University and

compliance with new state legislation creating a Minority Women Business Set Aside Program. Based in Newark, Ms. Watson and her staff work closely with UMDNJ's purchasing depart-

ments at campuses in Newark, Piscataway/New Brunswick and Camden/Stanford to explore opportunities for small- and minority-owned businesses.

In addition to the Minority

Purchasing Council, the program has been honored by the National Minority Business Council and the NY/NJWCA of Newark and Vicinity.

Classic Travel becomes agent for Pepsi South

NEW YORK—Classic Travel Consultants will provide travel and other related services for Dallas-based Pepsi-Cola South and the softdrink maker's advertising agency of record, Tracy-Locke, Inc.

Classic Travel, headquartered in New York, has seven office locations across the country. Now in its 10th year of operation, the agency was recently recognized at the National Supplier Development Conference as the 1990 Minority Firm of the Year.

"At Pepsi, travel is an important component of our job," said Ron Tidmore, president of Pepsi Cola South. "Classic Travel has a state-of-the-art system that will allow us to make the most cost-efficient choices in travel."

Classic Travel also provides travel services for two other Pepsi division offices as well as Pepsi headquarters in Somers, N.Y. Since 1982, Pepsi's partnership with more than 100 minority-owned and operated businesses such as Classic Travel has generated revenues in excess of \$400

million -- revenues which created -- revenue which and economic opportunity in minority communities nationwide.

"We're pleased that our relationship with Pepsi has brought us to Dallas. They are a company on the move -- and we're happy to be the agency that moves them," said Fred Blackmon, chief operating officer for Classic Travel.

The agency uses American Airlines' computerized reservation program Sabre System.

In addition to its Dallas office, located at 12377 Merit Drive, and its New York offices, Classic Travel Consultants has offices in Irvine, CA; Torrance, CA; Teterboro, NJ; Newark, NJ; and White Plains, NY.

On the Money

by Serra Syndication

Dance Theater of Harlem Gets Back Into the Swing of Things. It was over six months ago that the Dance Theater of Harlem cancelled two major tours and laid off 54 dancers as well as the bulk of its staff, and a financial crisis that left the company with a \$1.7 million deficit. Now, with the support of some major contributors like the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund who came to its aid with a \$1 million grant -- \$600,000 of it to help reduce the deficit and \$400,000 for salaries and company operations, so long as they company raised additional funds by September 30 (they did); and American Express, who made a four-year commitment to the dance troupe this past summer, involving a cash contribution of \$1 million and a kind contribution of a minimum of \$250,000 in marketing expertise, the Dance Theater of Harlem is gearing up for a prosperous '91. Plans are already underway for the company to resume full-scale touring.

Just Briefly: Among the nation's top ten concert grossers this year were Janet Jackson (who came in fourth with total ticket sales of \$5.9 million); and M.C. Hammer (who ranked seventh with \$25.3 million). ... Just one black made the list of 1990's top grossing actors. That actor was Morgan Freeman, who helped to rake in over \$105 million with "Driving Miss Daisy". Meanwhile, the nation's only black-controlled, first-run theater will mark its Second Annual Baldwin Hills Entertainment Complex "Path to Success" award celebration, with some veteran black entertainers having their hands and footprints immortalized on the cement walk. The affair is slated for February 2, 1991. Honorees include Billy Dee Williams, Marla Gibbs, Madge Sinclair, and Beah Richards, who received an Academy nomination for her part in "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

As I See It

(Continued from page 4)

Cardell Cooper of East Orange and Bob Brown of Orange, are playing hide and seek when asked what side they're on. They don't want to be labeled as "Uncle Tom's" yet they fear opposing the Essex County white Democratic power structure.

In East Orange, veteran Councilman Claude Craig advanced to council president, immediately taking charge in his no-nonsense manner. Craig, a long time friend of Mayor Cardell Cooper, vowed a closer working relationship between the mayor and city council.

And then it was off to a round of parties, including the reception for more than 500 Tom D'Alessio well wishers at Essex County College.

In Washington, D. C. Sharon Pratt Dixon took the oath of office as the nation's capital first black woman to head an important, major U.S. city.

Ordinary citizens had a tough time getting close to the podium from which she took her oath of office flanked by her daughters Drew and Aimee. But Dixon made sure several hundred school children had a good view of the outdoors event.

He may want to be president, but on New Year's Day Rev. Jesse Jackson was content to be sworn in as the District of Columbia "shadow senator" and congressional lobbyist for statehood.

The immediate future won't be a crystal star for Dixon who inherits a budget deficit estimated at \$300 million, along with a record of 483 homicides in 1990, a crisis in illegal drugs, homelessness and infant mortality.

Man or woman -- this is a tough row to hoe, especially for a

person who has never held elective office. But as a former utility company executive, Mayor Dixon has vast administrative experience and skills and as a former treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, she knows a lot about how and where to get contributions and how to manage money.

Former Mayor Marion Barry was among several well known politicians like Governor Douglas Wilder of Virginia, Democratic National Chairman Ronald H. Brown and Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on hand to cheer Ms. Dixon into office.

In a low, quiet voice that troubled with emotion, Barry pledged to support his successor, thanked residents "for your prayers, your faith and your steadfastness" and admitted he felt a "little bit of sadness."

While many of her female constituents donned their most plush minks, silver and red foxes, raccoons and coyotes for the snowy, forty degree day, Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon made her own fashion statement in a deep purple wool dress with matching all-length coat and was hatless.

Like newly elected officials in other cities, Dixon may have been sounding a warning that she will indeed live up to her promise to fight government waste and corruption when she said:

"We have too few people in the right jobs and too many people in jobs that shouldn't even exist. We have a system of governing from the 1970s striving to serve a city that has already moved into the 1990s."

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A View from the Sideline

Looking back at 1990

by Fern Taylor

This column marks the one year anniversary of "From the Sidelines". Hopefully, if you are reading this, you have found the opinions and stories expressed here to be worthwhile. Many thanks for 1990. Because of you, folks like there will be a "From the Sidelines" again in 1991.

Seems to me that now is the perfect time to take a nostalgic look back at 1990. It was a year of major breakthroughs in the racial policies of some sporting institutions (Shoal Creek, the NFL, King holiday and Arizona, for example), and shocking headlines. The most shocking was "Douglas KO's Mike Tyson". Did that really happen? I still can't believe it.

In the spring, we saw a young 14-year old Plainfield shot putter named Nicole Simms gain national acclaim by breaking several records in the girls shot put. Newark middle distance runners Ernesto Perez and Dorien Ferrell dominated those events, as did Newark Soccer's Tiffany Weatherford.

And 1990 went out with a bang with Darryl Strawberry's signing with the Dodgers, the NFL's threat to remove the Super Bowl from Arizona because it refused to vote for a paid holiday in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Here are a few more tidbits from "From the Sidelines", 1990.

On Zina Garrison's upset of Steffi Graf in the Wimbledon semifinals:

There was our Zina, all 5-8, 130 or so well-conditioned pounds of compact athleticism and daring, bouncing and prancing, swaying and rocking while waiting to return serve. Like Michael Jordan's tongue wagging routine, Zina's bouncing and prancing is her trademark. She has her racket in the right hand, an imaginary racket in the left, and stands ever-ready with a linebacker stance that would make Lawrence Taylor proud...She was all over the court, running down shot after shot, bomb after bomb, beating her opponent to the net for winner after winner to take the first set 6-3.

On the Shoal Creek controversy, where country club

hosting the U.S. Open had a closed door policy towards black golfers:

"The intense media attention is like a Muhammad Ali jab - repetitively stinging the image and, more importantly, the pocketbooks of places like Shoal Creek. And, as a result of Shoal Creek, the entire issue of African-Americans and golf has come to the forefront. You now see follow-up stories about black golfers, professional and amateur. Donors are giving large sums of money to organizations such as the one African-American pro golfer Calvin Peete has in Atlanta for the development of young African-American golfers."

On Earl Monroe's induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame:

"The 'Pearl', who was the 'Magic Man' before Earvin Johnson, represented the best that the city played grounds had to offer. He showcased and legitimized this unique style of play in arenas throughout the NBA while playing for the Baltimore Bullets and the New York Knicks."

On Tyson-Douglas: "I still can't believe that Mike Tyson may have lost the heavyweight championship of the world. But even more unbelievable is the way in which he fought. Iron Mike went to Japan and got beat up. Punished. He was humiliated by none other than one of Tony Tucker's victims, James 'Buster' Douglas. And it's a crying shame. Mike

King Celebrations

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Parren Mitchell will be the speaker at the Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., held in the Plainfield High School Cafeteria, 990 Park Avenue. Sponsored by the Frontiers International, Plainfield Area Chapter.

Immediately following the Breakfast will be the Commemorative March beginning at Plainfield High School and commencing at Martin Luther King Plaza, East Front & Church Streets, in Plainfield. The Memorial Service Rededication will be held at 1 p.m. at Martin Luther King Plaza with a reception immediately following the dedication hosted by the

Tyson has no business losing to somebody named 'Buster'.

On Plainfield Superintendent Annette Kearney on new football coach Terrence Porter:

"What he's done in such a few short days, to get the spirit of these young people up, is just phenomenal. I don't care so much if we win a lot of games. We will win in terms of camaraderie, the spirit of learning, the tutoring that's being set up in the learning center. We will have won our children back."

On the Knicks near loss in International competition:

"Thanks Gerald, for hinting that '3...I tell you what, you won't see Miami Heat won't be going across the Atlantic any time soon. Guess who's going next year? Magic Johnson, James Worthy, international import Vlades Divac and the Lakers. Smart move, David Stern."

On the Mets loss of Darryl Strawberry:

"Where have all the brother's gone?...If you asked Mets management, they will probably tell you the Strawberry deal had nothing to do with race, that it was a pure business decision based on a policy of saying no to five-year contracts. Maybe they're sincere...but the end result of Mets policy has been to field a team with fewer and fewer African-American ballplayers. This policy needs to be changed."

YWCA Board of Directors and the Plainfield Human Relations Commission.

The Newark-North Jersey committee of Black Churchmen annual tribute to King at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke AME Church on Clinton Avenue in Newark. Guest speaker will be Rev. William Watley, pastor of St. James AME Church.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Jersey City State College will sponsor a breakfast featuring Congressman Donald Payne. The program will be held at Gilligan Student Union Building.

First Annual Holiday Tournament

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We will definitely hear again. Many participants were enthusiastic about the tournament which exhibited tennis at its best.

The Boys 14 winner Stuart Chizek of Milburn showed his will to win when he came back from being down 1-5 in the third set to win in the semi-final match and then eked out a 6-7(10)-8, 6-7-5 win in the finals over James Dougherty of Scotch Plains.

Boys 18 winner, Jeffrey BaCote, of Fanwood displayed the hustle that got him his singles at Scotch Plains High during his final match against Tommy Abogabal of Parlin. BaCote's court speed just made it impossible for Abogabal to pass or lob which eventually ended in a 6-4, 6-0 victory. BaCote did not lose a set during the entire Singles event.

In the Junior Girls draw, Sarah Bandomer of Plainfield used her experience to breeze through the Girls 14 singles. She defeated Mandi Klaas of Plainfield in the finals 6-0, 6-0.

On the Junior Girls 18 side, Alana Cohen of Fanwood defeated her high school teammate Carolyn Thierbach of Scotch Plains 6-2, 6-0 in the finals. The unusualness of this match was that Cohen plays number 1 singles at Scotch Plains and Thierbach plays number 4 singles however Thierbach was the top seed in the Girls 18 draw.

The Adult Men's Singles finals all were real battles to the end. In the Open Jeff Callan, a baseballer from Colonia outdueling Patrick Florence of Prospect Park, 7-6(7-4), 6-4. In the Men's 35 singles, Charles Smith of Newark battled Dave Somiani of Plainfield and squeaked out a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(8-6) victory. This was a matchup of two serve and volleyers and included some of the greatest volleys and passing shots you'll probably ever see on this level. The Men's 45 also went to three sets when Habte Awolom of Union outlasted Rasheed Abdul-Haq of Plainfield in their finals by the 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 count. This was one of the longest matches of the tournament.

In the Women's Singles, Lisa Stiff of Union defeated Geraldine Boone of Plainfield 6-2, 6-2.

This tournament will be held annually between Christmas and New Year's Day and we really are already looking forward to it becoming an event that everyone will be looking forward to play.

ing. This year we were really pleased with the turnout and the positive response we received from the public.

We have already talked about some ways of improving on it and making it an even better event

next year. Hopefully, we will be able to recruit a few sponsors to come in and help us increase the atmosphere of the tournament and make it a memorable, enjoyable, and festive event during the Holiday period.

The Plainfield Tennis Council 1st Annual Holiday Tennis Classic

Event	Winner
Boys' 14 Singles	Stuart Chizek, Milburn, NJ
Boys' 18 Singles	Jeffrey BaCote, Fanwood, NJ
Girls' 14 Singles	Sarah Bandomer, Fanwood, NJ
Girls' 18 Singles	Alana Cohen, Fanwood, NJ
Boys' Jr. Doubles	Jeffrey BaCote, Fanwood, NJ Brian Dougherty, Fanwood, NJ
Men's Open Singles	Jeff Callan, Colonia, NJ
Men's 35 Singles	Charles Smith, Newark, NJ
Men's 45 Singles	Habte Awolom, Union, NJ
Women's Singles	Lisa Stiff, Union, NJ
Men's Open Doubles	Ed Ransom, Somerset, NJ Steve Capo
Men's 35 Doubles	Bill Prisco, Cranford, NJ Dave Somiani, Plainfield, NJ
Men's 45 Doubles	Habte Awolom, Union, NJ Charles Mitchell
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FEBRUARY — BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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	(Where We Are Now)	Feb. 15 Feb. 18	
February 27	Black History (Future Leaders)	Feb. 22 Feb. 25	



MARCH — WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Issue	Topic	Space	Ad Copy
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